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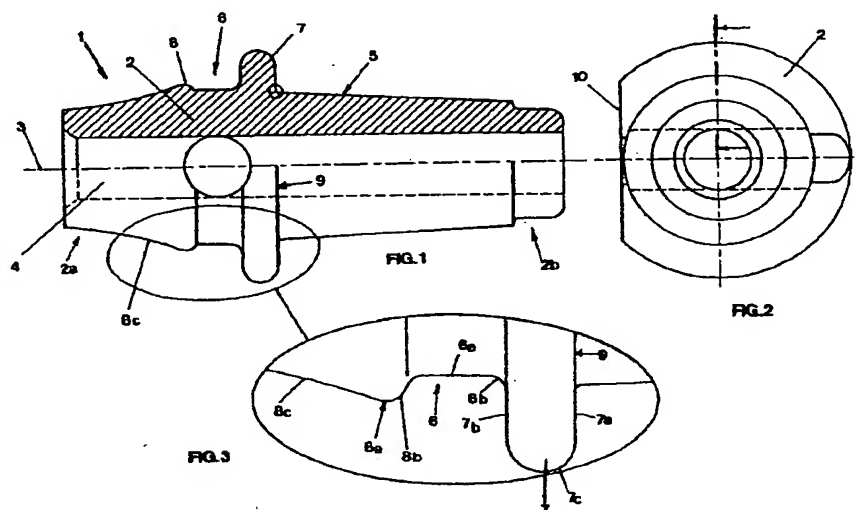
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(54) Toolholder for milling drums of scarifying machine

(57) The invention concerns a toolholder (1) for milling drums of scarifying machines. The body (2) of the toolholder (1) defines a longitudinal axis (3) and is provided with: an annular groove (6) to reduce the resisting section of said toolholder (1) defining a pre-set breaking area; a through going axial hole (4) defining the housing (4) suitable to house a milling tool at one end (2a); a

truncated cone shaped base (5); a collar (7) to prevent intrusion of dirt; projection (8) and collar (7) defining the annular groove (6) are provided with rounded edges (6b, 7c, 8a, 8b, 9a); a truncated cone shaped nose at milling tool end (2a) with a concave surface; a longitudinal plane surface (10) to inhibit rotation of the toolholder (1).



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Description

[0001] The invention concerns a toolholder suitable to be applied to milling drums of scarifying machines.

[0002] It is known that for the removal of the bituminous carpet covering roads, suitable manufacturing machines are applied. Said manufacturing machines are said scarifying machines.

[0003] Such machines are provided with a milling drum having a plurality of projecting active elements that, during the rotation of the milling drum to which they are applied, crumble the surface to be removed with which they come into contact.

[0004] Each active element consists in a milling tool inserted through a pressure in a toolholder in which it is free to rotate around its own axis, but from which it can not be separated through the stopping action of an interposed elastic element.

[0005] The toolholder consists in a preferably steel body developed mainly longitudinally, in which there is a housing receiving the milling tool. The toolholder is inserted removably in a hole made in a prismatic base, which is fixed removably in a base block welded to the drum.

[0006] Toolholders of the mentioned type are those which are described also in the patent applications registered in the name of the same applicant of the present patent and having the filing numbers V195A000170 and V196A000071. In the mentioned patents each one of the active elements applied to the milling drum is provided with a toolholder having a. On the opposite sides of the said cylindrical central area there are a first truncated-cone shaped surface coupled in the respective hole of the prismatic base, and a second truncated-cone shaped surface with an inclination converging toward the tool.

[0007] Nevertheless the toolholders realized in this way have some drawbacks.

[0008] A first drawback is that, because of the particular shape according to which the toolholder is built, it is not the less strong part of the active element to which it belongs. This implies that, if during the manufacturing the active element is exposed to a greater stress than the greatest allowed stress, it will break preferably in correspondence with the areas in which the prismatic base is connected to the base block or in correspondence with the weldings fixing the base block to the drum.

[0009] It can be understood that such second possibility can damage even seriously the milling drum as a whole, causing the need of an expensive maintenance.

[0010] A further drawback is that the coupling between the first truncated-cone shaped surface and the respective hole made in the removable bar housing it, is not enough protected against the accidental intrusion of dirt and generally of foreign bodies.

[0011] The present invention intends to overcome such drawbacks.

[0012] In particular, a first aim of the invention is that of realizing a toolholder being the most structural yielding part among all the parts forming the active element applied to the milling drum of a scarifying machine.

[0013] It is another aim that the toolholder of the invention has, with respect to toolholders of the known type, a better resistance to abrasion.

[0014] The said aims are achieved through the realization of a toolholder for milling drums of scarifying machines, that according to the main claim includes a body defining a longitudinal axis, at one end provided with a housing suitable to house a milling tool and having a truncated-cone shaped piece of the external surface with an inclination converging toward the end opposite to the end housing said tool, said lateral external surface having the shape of a truncated cone being suitable to house removably in a respective truncated-cone shaped hole present in a support unit belonging to the external lateral surface of said milling drum, and is characterized in that the body of said toolholder has outside an annular groove projecting from said support unit and reducing the resisting section of said toolholder in order to define wherein a pre-set breaking area.

[0015] According to a preferred embodiment said groove is included between an annular collar and an annular projection, spaced and both projecting radially from the toolholder body, with the annular collar placed just close to the hole housing the toolholder.

[0016] The toolholder end housing the milling tool has the shape of a truncated-cone with the conicity turned toward the tool. The surface of the said toolholder end has a truncated-cone shape and has in a longitudinal section, a curved outline with the concavity turned toward the outside. Advantageously the presence of the annular groove assures, in the case of an overcoming of the greatest admitted stress, the toolholder breaking on correspondence with the section where it is made, avoiding the breaking of the removable base and of the base block welded to the drum.

[0017] Still advantageously the annular collar defining the groove, works as a protection against the intrusion of foreign bodies in the coupling between the truncated-cone shaped part and the respective housing.

[0018] The said aims will be better underlined during the description of a preferred embodiment of the invention referring to the enclosed drawings in which:

- fig. 1 shows a view of the toolholder of the invention, sectioned according to the longitudinal direction;
- fig. 2 shows the front side view of the toolholder of fig. 1;
- fig. 3 shows an enlarged detail of the toolholder of fig. 1;
- fig. 4 shows another enlarged detail of the toolholder of fig. 1;

- fig. 5 shows the toolholder of the invention with the removable base and with the block which is welded to the milling drum in order to build the active element;
- fig. 6 shows the active element of fig. 1 once it has been assembled;
- fig. 7 shows the active element of fig. 1 applied to the milling drum.

[0019] As it can be observed in the figg. 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7, the toolholder of the invention, marked with 1 as a whole, is of the type which can be applied to a support unit marked with G as a whole. The latter is fixed to the external lateral surface S of the milling drum T of a scarifying machine, not shown.

[0020] The support unit G, as it can be observed in particular in fig. 5, includes a removable base Ba provided with a hole Bf housing the toolholder 1 with the tool U applied thereto. Said removable base Ba is supported by a base block Bb welded to the external lateral surface D of the milling drum T.

[0021] The toolholder 1 and the respective tool U, with the removable base Ba and the base block Bb supporting it, form the active element of the milling drum T visible in figg. 5, 6 and 7 where it is marked with A as a whole.

[0022] The toolholder 1, as it can be observed, has a body 2 defining a longitudinal axis 3 and is provided with a longitudinal through hole 4. In correspondence with the first end 2a the through hole 4 houses removably the tang Uc of the tool U.

[0023] The lateral external surface of the body 2 of the toolholder has a truncated-cone shaped surface 5 having an inclination converging toward the end 2b of the body 2 and placed on the opposite part of the end 2a housing the tool U.

[0024] The truncated-cone shaped surface 5 coupled to the corresponding truncated-cone shaped surface through a hole Bf made in the removable base Ba.

[0025] Preferably of the truncated-cone shaped surface 5 has a three degrees inclination in order to help the toolholder extraction from the removable base in which is housed.

[0026] According to the invention the body 2 of said toolholder 1 has externally an annular groove 6 projecting from said supporting unit G and reducing the resisting section of said toolholder 1 in order to define in it a pre-set breaking area.

[0027] Therefore if the active element visible in the figg. 4 to 7 and marked with A as a whole is exposed to greater stresses than the greatest admitted stress, the toolholder 2 will yield in correspondence with the groove 6 avoiding the breaking both of the removable base and of the base block Bb.

[0028] It can be observed that the groove 6 is included between an annular collar 7 and an annular projection 8, both projecting radially from the body 2 of said toolholder and both realized above the larger base

9 of said truncated-cone shaped base C.

[0029] It can be also observed that, in particular in the enlarged drawings of fig. 3 and 4, that the annular collar 7 is defined between a first annular wall 7a connected to the larger base 9 of said truncated-cone shaped surface through a first connection 9a circularly outlined and a second annular wall 7b connected to the groove 6 through a second connection 6b circularly outlined too. In particular the groove 6 has a bottom surface 6a developing circumpherentially to the body 2 of the toolholder and therefore according to a substantially circular configuration.

[0030] The external perimetric surface 7c of the annular collar 7 has a curved outline with a convexity turned toward the outside connected to both the annular walls 7a and 7b.

[0031] The presence of the annular collar 7 protects the truncated-cone shaped surface 5 and in particular it avoids that during the manufacturing foreign bodies penetrate between the truncated-cone shaped surface 5 and the hole Bf housing it.

[0032] As regards the annular projection 8, it consists in a curved surface 8a with a concavity turned toward the outside, which is connected on one side to the bottom 6a of the groove 6 through an inclined wall 8b and on the opposite side to the end 2 housing the tool U through a curved surface 8c with a concavity turned toward the outside.

[0033] Said concave outline 8c with a concavity turned toward the outside helps the sliding of the material during the excavation, reducing the abrasive effects on the toolholder. It can be observed in fig. 2 that in order to prevent the toolholder rotation 1 around its own longitudinal axis when it is inserted in the respective hole Bf, a plane surface 10 involving it along all its longitudinal length is made outside the toolholder.

[0034] It can be understood that in base to what has been said the toolholder of the invention achieves all the pre-set aims.

[0035] In the executive phase it will be possible to modify the toolholder outlines.

[0036] Therefore the said outlines can have different shapes and dimensions than what has been described and shown in the enclosed drawings.

[0037] However it is intended that possible different embodiments are to be considered all protected by the present patent.

Claims

1. Toolholder (1) for milling drums (T) of scarifying machines including a body (2) defining a longitudinal axis (3), at one end (2a) provided with a housing (4) suitable to house a milling tool (U) and having a truncated-cone shaped piece of the external surface (S) with an inclination converging toward the end (2b) opposite to the end (2a) housing said tool (U), said lateral external surface (5) having the

shape of a truncated cone being suitable to house removably in a respective truncated-cone shaped hole (Bf) present in a support unit (G) belonging to the external lateral surface (S) of said milling drum (T), characterized in that the body (2) of said toolholder (1) has outside an annular groove (6) projecting from said support unit (G) and reducing the resisting section of said toolholder (1) in order to define wherein a pre-set breaking area.

2. Toolholder (1) according to claim 1) characterized in that said annular groove (6) is included between an annular collar (7) and an annular projection (8) both projecting radially from the body (2) of said toolholder (1) and both realized above the larger base (9) of said truncated-cone shaped base (5).
3. Toolholder (1) according to claim 2) characterized in that in the body (2) of said toolholder (1) there is a plane surface (10) parallel to the longitudinal axis (3) of the toolholder (1) along all its length.
4. Toolholder (1) according to claim 2) characterized in that said annular collar (7) has a first annular wall (7a) connected to the larger base (9) of said truncated-cone shaped area (5) and a second annular wall (7b) connected to the bottom surface (6a) of said groove (6), said annular walls (7a, 7b) being placed spaced and orthogonal to the longitudinal axis (3) of said toolholder (1).
5. Toolholder (1) according to claim 4) characterized in that said annular walls (7a, 7b) are connected to the larger base (9) of said truncated-cone shaped area (5) and to the bottom surface (6a) of said groove (6) through circularly outlined connections (9a, 9b).
6. Toolholder (1) according to claim 4) characterized in that said annular collar (7) has the external perimetric surface (7c) having a curved outline with a convexity turned toward the outside.
7. Toolholder (1) according to claim 2) characterized in that said annular projection (8) consists in a curved surface (8a) with a concavity turned toward the outside connected at one side to the bottom surface (6a) of said groove (6) and on the opposite side to the end (2a) of the body (2) of the toolholder (1) housing said milling tool (U).
8. Toolholder (1) according to claim 7) characterized in that said end (2a) housing said milling tool (U) has a truncated-cone shape with a conicity turned toward the tool (U).
9. Toolholder (1) according to claim 7) characterized in that the lateral surface of said end (2a) housing

said milling tool (U) has, according to a longitudinal section, a curved outline (8c) having a concavity turned toward the outside and connected to said annular projection (8).

10. Toolholder (1) according to claim 1) characterized in that said housing receiving said tool (U) is a through hole (4) realized coaxially in the body (2) of said toolholder (1), according to the longitudinal axis (3) whereof.

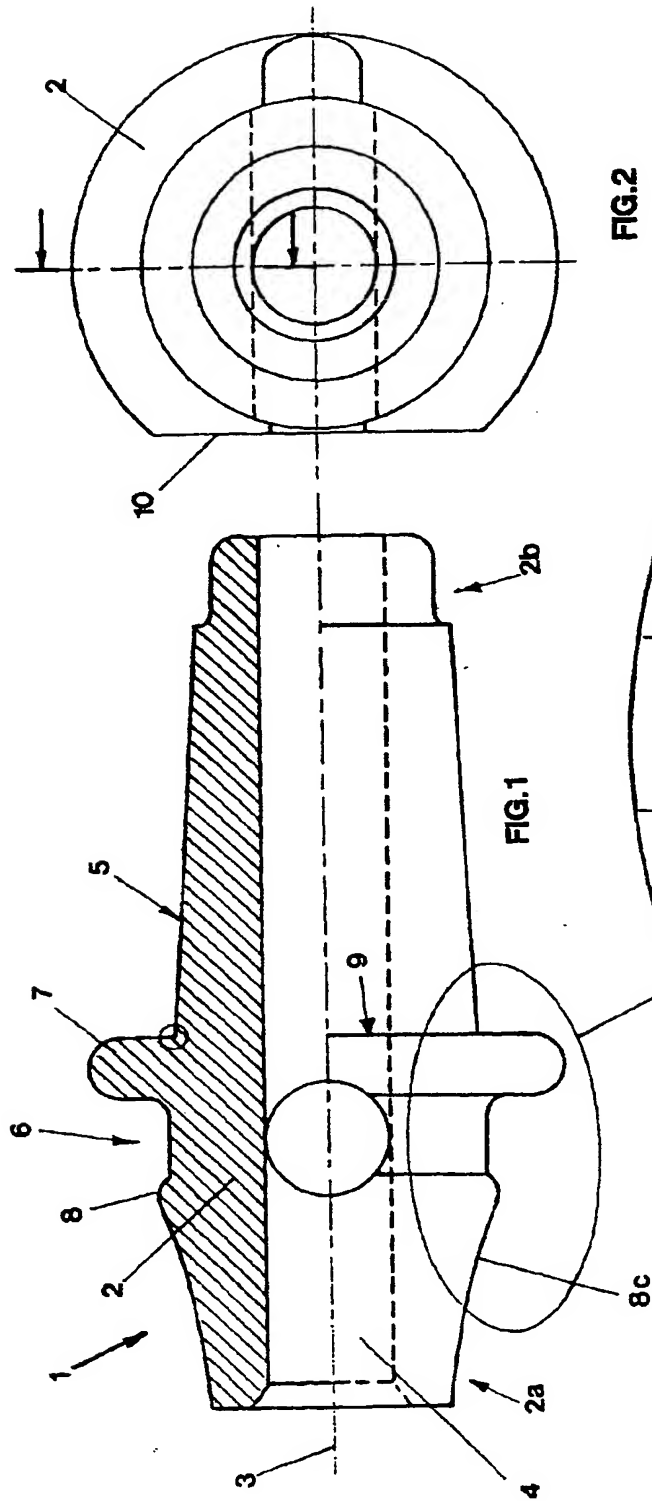


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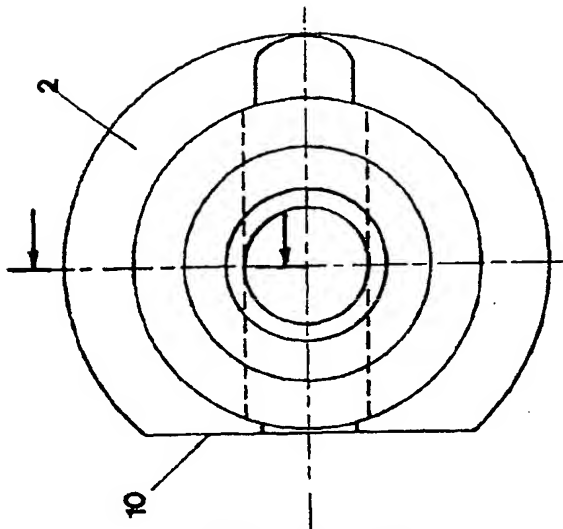


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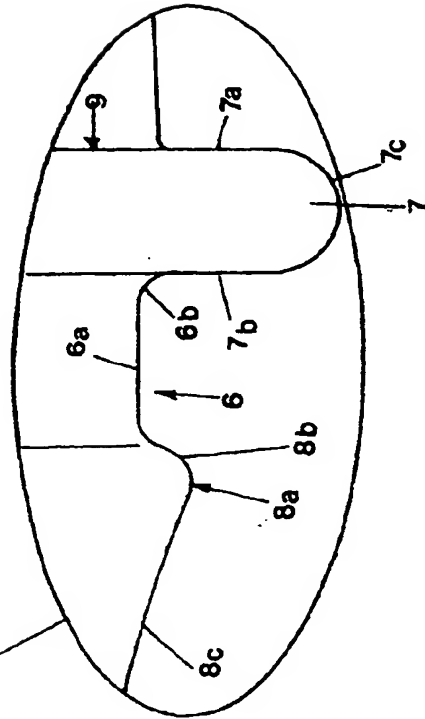
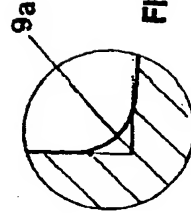


FIG. 4



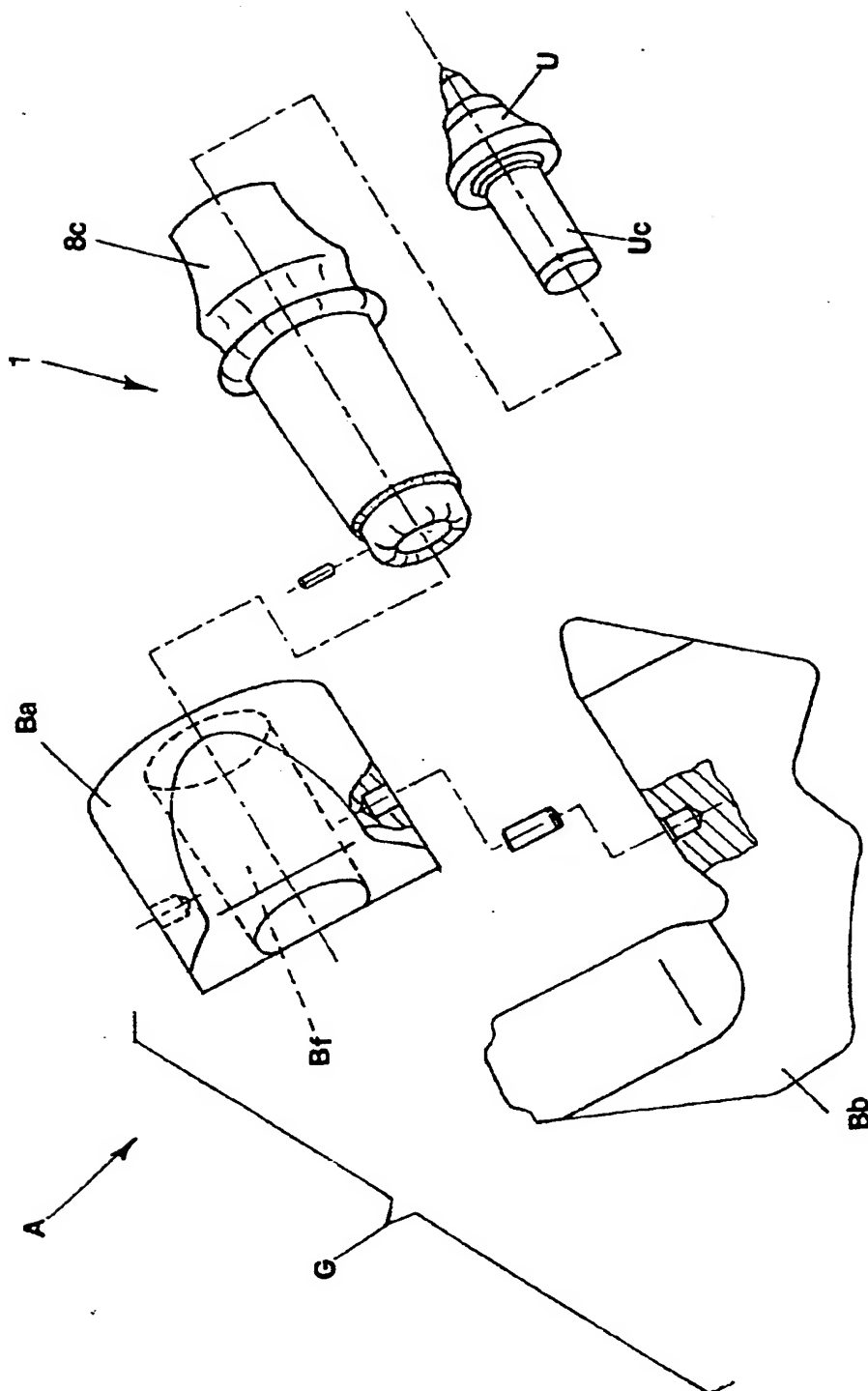
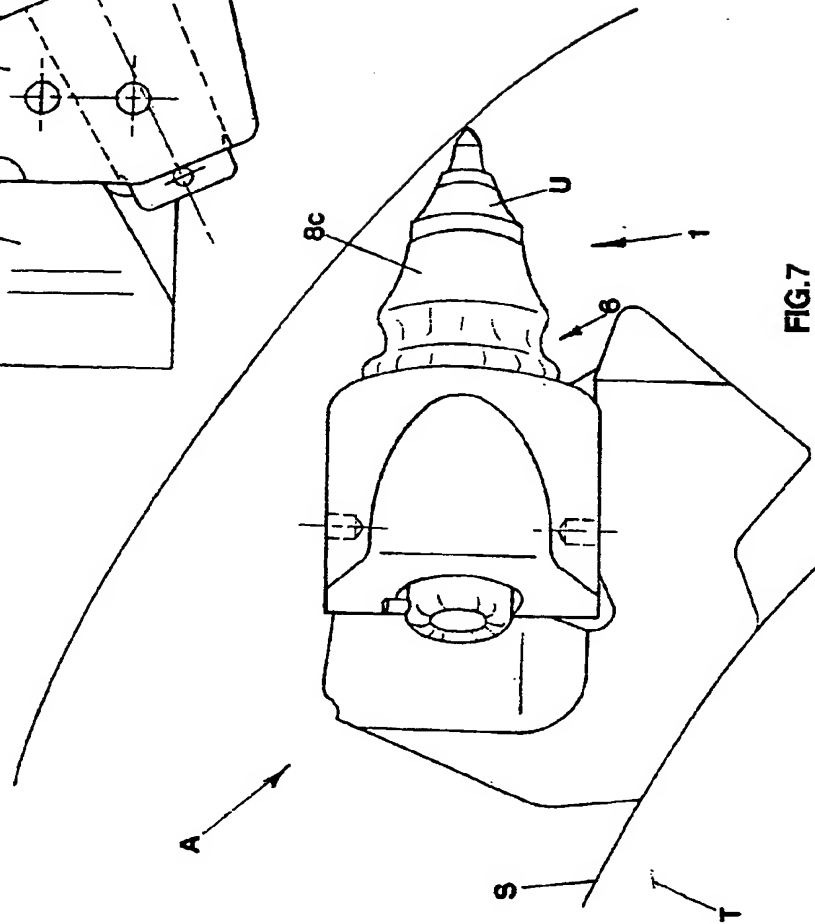
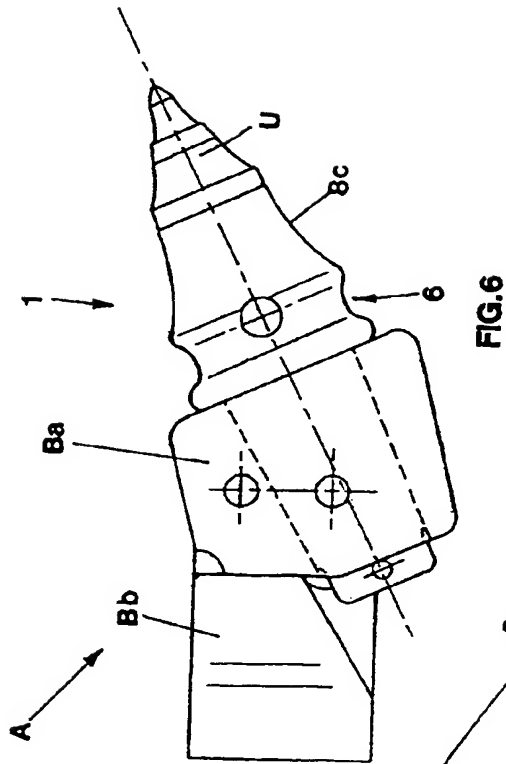


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